

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 15, 1952. (u)

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Dear Edgar:

(Top Secret)

I have informed the President of the information contained in your letter of October 6, 1952, wherein you advise of the excellent technical progress which has been made to date by the FBI Laboratory and the Naval Research Laboratories with respect to the Russian microphone device which was recently discovered in one of our installations in Moscow. (U)

Your Bureau and the Naval Research Laboratories are to be commended for these accomplishments. (U)

It is my understanding that the President has directed the two internal security committees of the National Security Council in collaboration with [redacted]

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[redacted] to examine related security problems posed by the existence of this device. (U)  
Accordingly, if you have not done so already, it is suggested that the very valuable data contained in your letter be made available to the aforementioned agencies since it may be of considerable assistance to them in carrying out their assignment.

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Sincerely yours,

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MATTHEW J. CONNELLY  
Secretary to the President.

Personal and Confidential  
Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: October 23, 1952

FROM : D. M. LADD

"JUNE"

SUBJECT: MICROPHONE AND TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS

IN U.S. EMBASSIES ABROAD; IN RUSSIA & Satellite Countries  
ESPIONAGE - R

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By memorandum dated September 22, 1952, the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council relayed instructions of the President that a joint committee be established containing representatives from the IIC, the ICIS and [ ] to consider the security aspects of the new-type listening device found in the Ambassador's study in Moscow.

On October 1, 1952, Special Agent Edward S. Sanders was appointed by the IIC to represent the IIC on this joint committee. He is serving as Chairman of the joint committee.

Attached hereto is a suggested letter to Mr. Lay, advising him of action taken by the joint committee to date. Both Mr. Lay and the President requested to be advised of progress.

The action which has been taken, and which is outlined in the attached suggested letter to Mr. Lay, was approved by the various agencies represented in the joint committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

If approved by you, it is recommended that you sign the attached letter to Mr. Lay, after which the signature of Mr. Whearty, the ICIS Chairman, will be obtained and the letter forwarded.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: October 23, 1952

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: MICROPHONE AND TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS  
IN U.S. EMBASSIES ABROAD;  
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You will recall that, as a result of deliberations of an IIC-ICIS Ad Hoc Committee, the Senior Staff of the various diplomatic missions and the heads of the appropriate military commands abroad have been alerted to the fact that new-type listening devices are being used by the Soviets. They were further advised that they would be visited shortly and briefed in this connection including countermeasure equipment.

ONI, G-2 and OSI have been designated by the Office of the Secretary of Defense to see that the appropriate military commands abroad receive the necessary briefings. General Carroll has advised that he is having a regular OSI District Commanders Conference beginning October 27, 1952, and that representatives from the overseas commands will be present. He advised that the OSI technical men from the overseas commands will be present and will have a special conference on or about November 4, 1952, in Washington. He stated these will be the men who will ultimately handle this matter for OSI abroad, and he inquired if Mr. Parsons or another qualified Laboratory representative could brief this group of technical men at their meeting on or about November 4, 1952. He stated he did not desire that they be given detailed technical data at the meeting, but instructed as to the nature of this "gadget," in general terms the countermeasure equipment being developed, the necessary technical efficiency of individuals to operate the equipment, and general information concerning this project. This is, of course, in line with the briefings to be given by the State Department to its security and technical people.

Special Agent Edward S. Sanders discussed this matter with Mr. Parsons, and Mr. Parsons advised that either he or a representative from the Laboratory could give this briefing if approval were given therefor.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Mr. Parsons or another

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11-4-52  
RWS:VRL

Memorandum for Mr. D. M. Ladd, 10/23/52

qualified Laboratory man give the briefing outlined above  
inasmuch as this procedure is in line with the plan which  
has been established by the Ad Hoc Committee.

If this recommended approval is given, the Laboratory  
will be advised of the exact date for the briefing by Special  
Agent Edward S. Sanders.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. HARBO *LB*

DATE: Dec. 5, 1952

FROM : D. J. PARSONS *P*SUBJECT: MICROPHONE AND TECHNICAL  
INSTALLATIONS FOUND IN U. S.  
EMBASSIES ABROAD  
ESPIONAGE - R

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend commendation for employees of the Laboratory in connection with the work done on the Russian resonant cavity microphone.

BACKGROUND

On instructions of the President, the Russian resonant cavity microphone which was located in the library of the U. S. Ambassador's residence in Moscow, was delivered to the Director in order that the device could be explored and appropriate countermeasures devised. As a result of the Director's instructions to me, an examination was immediately started in the FBI Laboratory and I requested the assistance of the Naval Research Laboratory in order to carry forward the program as quickly as possible. It has been one of the most difficult projects ever handled in the Laboratory and has required a high degree of skill on the part of those involved. Members of the Laboratory staff worked not only here, but also at the Naval Research Laboratory along with their experts. I have been particularly impressed with the enthusiasm which has been displayed in the handling of this project and the willingness with which certain employees contributed overtime and canceled scheduled leave in order that the Director's instructions of "top priority" would be followed.

Mr. I. W. Conrad did a considerable amount of technical work personally as well as supervising members of his staff. Special Agents B. L. Sutton, R. W. Swartz and W. W. Bradley made excellent technical contributions to the successful completion of this effort. Miss Mary E. Keough assisted in the organization of the comprehensive report which she typed and had printed, in addition to the fact that many of the memoranda were written after hours and she was responsible for handling a large number of inquiries coming to my office.

I feel the employees mentioned above have done an

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Re: Microphone and Technical Installations Found in U. S.  
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outstanding job on a difficult and unusual problem and would like to see them commended by letter from the Director. I also feel that in view of the excellent cooperation and fine technical job done by the Naval Research Laboratory, a letter of commendation should be sent to Captain W. H. Beltz commending him and members of his staff who participated in the project there.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That letters of commendation be sent to Messrs. I. W. Conrad, B. L. Sutton, R. W. Swartz, W. W. Bradley and Miss Mary E. Keough for the contributions they made toward the completion of the most important project which the Bureau has handled on the instructions of the President.

2. That the attached letter to Captain W. H. Beltz of the Naval Research Laboratory be forwarded commending him and members of the staff of that organization.

I concur and also recommend letter of commendation to Mr. Parsons.  
12-5 PH

OK  
12/8

Agree  
12/8

I concur.  
H.

Letter of commendation  
12-10-52  
msd

Being  
re-written  
12/8

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : R. T. Harbo *RT*

DATE: December 2, 1952

FROM : I. W. Conrad *IWC*

JUNE

SUBJECT: ~~RUSSIAN MICROPHONE DEVICES.~~  
~~IN U.S. EMBASSIES ABROAD~~  
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 Tele. Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMARY:

The President directed the FBI to handle technical aspects of a microphone device found in the American Embassy in Moscow. FBI Laboratory report dated December 1, 1952, recommends specific countermeasures equipment to interested agencies based in part upon Naval Research Laboratory work but FBI does not at present have any complete equipment of this type. We have need for it and requests will probably be received from the White House or others for help as in the past. Equipment will be in great demand within the next few days so telephonic request for the equipment should be placed immediately.

DETAILS:

Our Laboratory report on this matter states that specific equipment may be used for countermeasures by an interested agency; however, if the White House asks us to search for microphone devices, we have at present only part of the necessary equipment which we recommend that other agencies obtain. In this connection, we already have received a memorandum from Mr. Ezell to Mr. Branigan, dated November 20, 1952, suggesting search of FBI offices for such hidden devices. *NO*

Bureau Laboratory men have built two suitable receivers but signal generators are needed to complete the immediate interim equipment. It is believed that immediately upon release of the FBI report the supplying company for such generators will be flooded with orders from other agencies.

General Radio Company has two oscillators with a common power supply which are the most suitable units to supplement our present equipment on an interim basis. A third oscillator unit is needed to give full frequency coverage and it is being covered

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by a separate memorandum. Upon receipt of these three oscillators, we would have substantially the same search equipment as that furnished to the State Department by NRL.

Quantity procurement of countermeasures equipment by interested agencies will be considered upon release of the FBI Laboratory report, but such equipment would not be available for some months.

3-4 months { This project has moved so rapidly from the technical aspect that it now appears that greatly improved countermeasures transmitters may be developed; however, this requires equipment inquiries and development work that will take time and it is being handled separately.

In view of the imminent release of the FBI report, General Radio Company, Cambridge, Massachusetts, should be requested to furnish the following as soon as possible:

Two each 1208A oscillator @ \$190.00  
Two each 1209A oscillator @ \$235.00  
Two each 1203A power supply @ \$47.50

The total cost is \$945.00.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Bureau immediately place a telephone order with the above company for earliest possible delivery of the above equipment.

If delivery cannot be made from stock or within the immediate future, the company should be asked for alternate suppliers who could furnish the equipment more expeditiously.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

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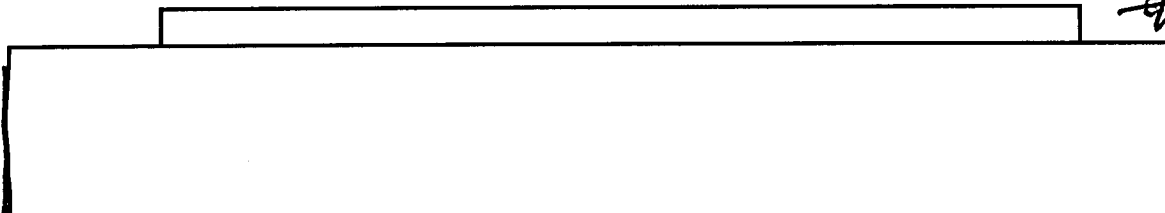
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*Boone*  
*Wick*

FROM : V. P. KEAY *VPK*

SUBJECT: *Embassy*  
 AUSTRIAN LEGATION,  
 BUCHAREST, RUMANIA  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

Microphone and Technical Installations  
in the U. S. Embassies Abroad



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## ACTION:

None. For your information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: February 4, 1953

FROM : V. P. Keay

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Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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ACTION:

The attachments are being directed to the attention of  
the Espionage Section and the Laboratory.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo *RD*

DATE: February 13, 1953

FROM : I. W. Conrad *JWC*SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE SECURITY; *DC*  
RUSSIAN MICROPHONE DEVICES *DC*

Reference is made to Mr. Belmont's memo to Mr. Ladd dated 2-12-53 reporting a request from the White House as to whether the Bureau is equipped to make a security survey of the White House for the detection of microphones including the so-called "cavity" type.

When the question of procuring the necessary equipment to make such a security survey was considered on 12-3-52, the purchase was unfavorably considered because of shortage of funds, as reflected by my memo of 12-2-52 and Executives Conference memo dated 12-3-52. In view of the pending White House inquiry, it is suggested that the Bureau may wish to consider a purchase of the necessary equipment at this time. One set of the necessary equipment will cost approximately \$1200. A portion of this equipment is immediately available from New York without priority. However, the Boston office has advised that the earliest possible delivery on the remaining equipment will require 2 weeks if National Production Authority directive is obtained. Without priority delivery will be June or July. In order to secure the 2 weeks delivery, the order must be placed by Wednesday, 2-18-53.

ACTION:

In the event the Bureau desires to purchase at least one set of the necessary equipment (this would provide no spares in the event of failure) the Chief Clerk's office should arrange immediately to secure the necessary priority from the National Production Authority in order that delivery may be obtained within reasonable time.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the purchase of one set of oscillators necessary to make the searches for cavity-type microphones at a cost of approximately \$1200 be approved. FEB 18 2 32 PM '53

ADDENDUM:

Mr. Ladd agrees. 2 DEPT OF COMMERCE

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The Director

December 3, 1952

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Executives Conference

RUSSIAN MICROPHONE DEVICES  
IN U. S. EMBASSIES ABROAD  
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On December 3 the Conference composed of Messrs. Tolson, Ladd, Nichols, Glavin, Belmont, Mason, Gearty, Mohr, Tracy, Holloman, Rosen and Harbo was advised of the recommendation by Mr. Conrad of the Laboratory that certain radio signal generators be obtained which would make it possible to conduct searches to locate the new type microphone employed by the Russians in the American Embassy in Moscow. Mr. Conrad's recommendation is based on the possibility that we may receive requests to conduct such security checks from the White House, Atomic Energy Commission and other agencies for which we have made microphone security checks in the past. It is absolutely impossible to make searches for the new type microphone without the equipment which Mr. Conrad proposes be purchased at this time. One set of the necessary equipment would cost approximately \$1,200 and the two sets recommended by Mr. Conrad would cost approximately \$2,400.

It was pointed out to the Conference that radio signal generators specially designed for this purpose would be superior in some respects to the equipment presently available on the commercial market. However, it would be more expensive and it may be some time before such special equipment is designed and constructed. Mr. Ladd mentioned that Bryan LaPlante of the Atomic Energy Commission recently indicated the possibility that AEC will undertake to construct units for their own use and for other agencies that had a need for this equipment.

Mr. Harbo felt that one set of the radio signal generator equipment necessary to make searches for the new type Russian microphone should be purchased for use by the Laboratory. This is based on the belief that the Bureau will receive requests for this type of security check especially since the President instructed that the technical phases of the examination of the microphone be handled by the FBI.

The remainder of the Conference felt that although the Laboratory eventually should have equipment of this type that no purchase should be made at this time due to the shortage of funds and the possibility that equipment might become available through the Atomic Energy Commission in the next several months.

Respectfully,  
For the Conference

cc - Mr. H. H. Clegg  
Mr. Mohr

Clyde Tolson

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: January 22, 1953

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: MICROPHONE AND TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS  
IN U.S. EMBASSIES ABROADPURPOSE:

To report efforts of the Special Committee appointed at the direction of the President to consider security measures to be taken in connection with the finding of a new-type listening device in the U.S. Ambassador's residence in Moscow.

SYNOPSIS:

A meeting of the Special Committee appointed at the direction of the President, on which the IIC, CIA and the ICIS are represented, was held on January 16, 1953. The committee was advised by a representative of the Atomic Energy Commission that the countermeasure equipment to the resonant cavity can be produced at an AEC facility at Los Alamos, New Mexico, but the facility desires to know the number desired prior to making a cost estimate. That facility then desires to make only one group of the countermeasure equipment with no units to be produced at any later time.

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BACKGROUND:

A resonant cavity type listening device was found in the U.S. Ambassador's library in Moscow in September, 1952, and was delivered to the Bureau Laboratory for technical research. The Bureau Laboratory and the Naval Research Laboratories developed the prototype for countermeasure equipment. A Special IIC-ICIS-CIA Committee was established at the direction of the

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President to consider the security aspects in connection with the finding of this listening device. AEC advised on December 1, 1952, that an AEC facility could, in all probability, centralize the production of the countermeasure equipment.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

Special Agent Edward S. Sanders, the Chairman of the Special Committee, called a committee meeting on January 16, 1953, for the purpose of receiving a report from AEC study in connection with this matter and for the purpose of insisting that immediate measures be considered for the obtaining of this countermeasure equipment either through an AEC facility or other source.

Mr. Bryan La Plante advised the committee that he had returned from Los Alamos the previous evening where he had discussed this matter with the electronics experts. They advised LaPlante that the countermeasure equipment can be produced at the AEC facility at Los Alamos, but that in so doing research and production on atomic weapon projects must not be displaced, that they desire to produce only one batch of the equipment and that they must know the number of countermeasure equipment units desired before they can "quote a price."

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Inasmuch as the representative from the Department of Defense stated he could not determine the number of units desired until the price is known, it was agreed that both the

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AEC facility and [redacted]  
[redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION:

This matter is being followed closely by Special Agent Edward S. Sanders and recommendations will be made as soon as the additional information is received from the AEC facility [redacted] It is expected that this information will be received by January 26, 1953.

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*I am sorry AEC  
cant do it*

*H.*

*W/H/S*

*5/4/53*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: December 3, 1952

J U N E

FROM : Executives Conference

*Soviet Microphone Installations in the U.S. Embassy Moscow*

SUBJECT: RUSSIAN MICROPHONE DEVICES  
IN U. S. EMBASSIES ABROAD  
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Respectfully,  
For the Conference

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Glyde Tolson

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cc with Mr. H. Clegg

Mr. Mohr

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